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TO: Commissioners, Arbitrators and
All Other Interested Parties

FROM: Amy J. Masters, Acting Chairman

DATE: January 29, 2009

RE: Smurfit-Stone Container Enterprises

Please be advised that the parent of Smurfit-Stone Container Enterprises, a current self-insured company, filed voluntary petitions for reorganization under Chapter 11 protection of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code on January 26, 2009.

Smurfit-Stone Container Enterprises has been self-insured since March 2, 1948.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court has granted the company's "First Day Motions" filed in conjunction with its voluntary filing. The Court issued a variety of orders that will ensure that Smurfit-Stone continues its operations throughout the reorganization process including authorization to honor its workers' compensation obligations.

Questions regarding workers' compensation claims may be directed to:

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